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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE	:	Administrative Action
LICENSE OF	:	
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JACQUELINE H. SMITH, RN	:	CONSENT ORDER OF VOLUNTARY
License #26NR05065100	:	SURRENDER OF LICENSE
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TO PRACTICE NURSING IN	:	
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information indicating that Jacqueline H. Smith, RN ("Respondent"), a Registered Professional Nurse employed as a school nurse, failed to respond to an emergency situation involving an injured student. It is alleged that on March 23, 2012, Respondent, a school nurse, was summoned to the school playground to provide medical care to an injured child, but claimed she could not go to the child due to a medical condition which made it difficult for her to walk

outside. Someone had to call 911 so the child would receive medical attention in the playground. Respondent maintains that she wanted the child brought to the nurse's office for treatment. She did eventually walk to the playground after some delay, but maintains that she is incapable of running due to a medical condition. Respondent assessed the child in the playground and the child was taken to the hospital by ambulance. In May 2013, Respondent placed her nursing license on inactive status.

The Board finds that Respondent's failure to appropriately and emergently respond to the injured child and failure to follow proper procedures demonstrates that Respondent is incapable, for medical or other good cause, of discharging the functions of a nurse in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety and welfare pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(i).

The Board having reviewed this matter, the parties desiring to resolve this matter, the Board having determined that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public, and for good cause shown;

IT IS on this 26th day of June, 2014

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Respondent hereby voluntarily surrenders her license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey. Respondent shall

not hereafter apply for reinstatement of her license unless and until she appeared before the Board and can demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Board, that she she is fit and competent to practice nursing and has completed the required continuing education from June 1, 2011 to the time of reinstatement.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: Patricia Murphy Ph.D. APN
Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President

I have read and understand the within Order and consent to the entry of the Order as a matter of public record.

Jacqueline H. Smith RN
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